

United States Air Force, Bradley H. Roberts, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear and Missile Defense Policy, and Rear Admiral Stephen E. Johnson, USN, Director, Strategic Systems Programs, United States Navy, all of the Department of Defense.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance concluded a hearing to examine financial services and products, focusing on the role of the Federal Trade Commission in protecting consumers, after receiving testimony from J. Thomas Rosch, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; Edmund Mierzwinski, Federation of State Public Interest Research Groups, Timothy J. Muris, George Mason University School of Law, and Linda A. Woolley, Direct Marketing Association, all of Washington, D.C.; and Dee Pridgen, University of Wyoming College of Law, Laramie.

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Jeffrey A. Lane, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Bennet, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NATIONAL PARKS BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 553, to revise the authorized route of the North Country National Scenic Trail in northeastern Minnesota to include existing hiking trails along Lake Superior's north shore and in Superior National Forest and Chippewa National Forest, S. 1017, to reauthorize the Cane River National Heritage Area Commission and expand the boundaries of the Cane River National Heritage Area in the State of Louisiana, S. 1018, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement with Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana, to construct a curatorial center for the use of Cane River Creole National Historical Park, the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, and the University, S. 1537, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the National Park Service, to designate the Dr. Norman E. Borlaug Birthplace and Childhood Home in Cresco, Iowa, as a National Historic Site and as a unit of the National Park System, S. 1629, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study of the archeological site and surrounding land of the New Philadelphia town site in the state of Illinois, S. 2892, to establish the Alabama Black Belt

National Heritage Area, S. 2933, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of designating the Colonel Charles Young Home in Xenia, Ohio, as a unit of the National Park System, S. 2951, to authorize funding to protect and conserve lands contiguous with the Blue Ridge Parkway to serve the public, and H.R. 3804, to make technical corrections to various Acts affecting the National Park Service, to extend, amend, or establish certain National Park Service authorities, after receiving testimony from Senator Burris; Daniel Wenk, Deputy Director for Operations, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and Reid Wilson, Conservation Trust for North Carolina, Raleigh.

EPA EFFORTS TO PROTECT CHILDREN'S HEALTH

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Government Accountability Office's investigation of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) efforts to protect children's health, after receiving testimony from Peter Grevatt, Director, Office of Children's Health Protection and Environmental Education, Environmental Protection Agency; John B. Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Development, Government Accountability Office; Gina M. Solomon, Natural Resource Defense Council, Berkeley, California; Cynthia Bearer, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, on behalf of the Children's Environmental Health Network; and Ted Schettler, Science and Environmental Health Network, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Mari Carmen Aponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador, Department of State, after the nominee, who was introduced by Representative Velázquez, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

CHRISTMAS DAY ATTACK IMPLICATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the lessons and implications of the Christmas day attack, focusing on intelligence reform and interagency integration, after receiving testimony from Benjamin A. Powell, former General Counsel, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Jeffrey H. Smith, former General Counsel, Central Intelligence Agency; and Rick Nelson, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.